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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to a final office action mailed October 10, 2003, and an advisory action mailed April 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for entry in the above-identified application.

The response is being filed within the fifth month from the date that a notice of appeal was received by the patent office. Thus, a petition for a three month extension of time is being filed herewith along with the required fee.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.

**Remarks** being on page 6 of this paper.